

Tracking Sally Perkins Stocking 1790 to 1843

This narrative was created because it is useful to understand the geographical movements of Sally Perkins Stocking (1773-1843), who was a daughter of Moses Perkins (1747-1836) and Mary Smith Perkins (1751-1817) and the wife and widow of Alvin Stocking (1771-1817).^{1 2} Sally's relocations are presented in relation to the movements of significant other people, especially her parents, her husband's family members, and two of her children, Sally Jerusha Stocking Joslyn (c1792-1859) and Alvin Stocking Jr. (1798-1863). This is specifically useful for my genealogy because it helps confirm the fact that Jerusha Joslyn of Smithfield PA, Gainesville NY, Warsaw NY, and Buffalo NY, who is my 3rd great grandmother and was the wife of Alvin Joslyn, was one and the same person as Sally J Stocking, daughter of Alvin and Sally Stocking of Franklin, Delaware County, NY and Smithfield, Bradford County, PA. Sally J. Stocking went by her middle name Jerusha, most likely since her mother was also named Sally.

Hampton, Granville, and Poultney

Sally Perkins was born June 5, 1773 in Wallingford Township, New Haven, Connecticut.³ Until about 1790, Sally was probably living with her parents, Moses and Mary Perkins. In 1790,⁴ 1800,⁵ and 1810,⁶ the US Census for each of those years shows the Moses Perkins household in the small rural town of Hampton, Washington County, New York, which is just west of the much larger town of Poultney in Vermont. In 1790, the Moses Perkins household had five males under 16, one male 16 and older, and seven females. At a Hampton town meeting in 1786, Moses Perkins was elected as an assessor, a warden, and a fence viewer.⁷

Granville is about ten miles south of Hampton and Poultney. The 1790 US Census for Granville, Washington County, New York, lists two Stocking households: Josiah Stocking⁸ and John Stocking.⁹ The John Stocking in Granville was probably Alvin Stocking's brother, John

¹ Three Perkin's family document page copies received from Roberta Heorman. These pages are photocopies of original hand written family records.

² In July 2013, the Wyoming County Historian Office also had a Perkins/Purkins family file with this information repeated in secondary documents.

A website at <http://perkinsresearch.com/1810NYMen10.html#MosesPerkins> also duplicates much of this information.

³ "Connecticut, Births and Christenings, 1649-1906," index, FamilySearch (<https://familysearch.org/pal:MM9.1.1/F7W7-PBJ> : accessed 19 Jan 2014), Sally Purkins, 05 Jun 1773.

⁴ 1790 U S Census; Census Place: Hampton, Washington, New York ; Series: M637; Roll: 6; Page: 213;Image: 252; Family History Library Film: 0568146

⁵ 1800 U S Census; Census Place: Hampton,Washington, New York ; Roll: 26; Page: 287; Image: 280;Family History Library Film: 193714Film: 193714

⁶ 1810 U S Census; Census Place: Hampton,Washington, New York ; Roll: 30; Page: 425; Image:0181384; Family History Library Film: 00334

⁷ Everts and Ensign of Philadelphia Publisher. (1878). History of Washington Co., New York. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. J. B. Lippincott and Company. Page 363ff.

⁸ 1790 U S Census; Census Place: Granville, Washington, New York ; Series: M637; Roll: 6; Page: 193; Image: 242; Family History Library Film: 0568146

⁹ 1790 U S Census; Census Place: Granville, Washington, New York ; Series: M637; Roll: 6; Page: 193; Image: 242; Family History Library Film: 0568146

Stocking Jr., and not their father. Regardless of whether it was John Sr or Jr, the census age grouping tally for the John Stocking household in Granville, lists one male under 16, three males 16 and over, and two females, which at least suggests the possibility that 19 year old Alvin Stocking was also living in Granville. The 1790 US Census for Granville also shows the Elias Needham household.¹⁰ Elias Needham was the husband of Mercy Stocking Needham (1754-1824).¹¹ Mercy was the oldest of the nine children of John Augustus Stocking (1732-1818) and Priscilla Mayo Stocking (1738-1828) and therefore a sister of Alvin Stocking, Elias Stocking, and John Stocking Jr.¹²

There is another fact that supports the idea that Alvin Stocking was living with his siblings in 1790 in Granville. Evidence from 60 years later, establishes that about 1792, Alvin Stocking and Sally Perkins Stocking had their first child, Sally Jerusha Stocking.^{13 14} Although no birth record has been found for Jerusha, the approximate birth year of 1792 is well documented. In 1792, Jerusha's future husband, Alvin Joslyn (1789-1866) was three years old living with his parents, Lindsey Josselyn (1749-1826) and Susan Welsh Josselyn (1752-1794), in Poultney, Rutland County, Vermont, where he was born.¹⁵

Franklin, Delaware County, New York

Sometime before 1800, Josiah Stocking, Alvin Stocking, and Elias Needham relocated from Granville, Washington County, NY to Franklin, Delaware County, NY. In 1800, the US Census of Franklin, Delaware County, New York shows Josiah Stocking and Alvin Stocking,¹⁶ with families, living literally next door to each other. Their sister, Mercy Stocking Needham, and her husband, Elias Needham, were also in Franklin, just nine lines below Josiah and Alvin.¹⁷ The census age grouping tally for Josiah Stocking is consistent with his household consisting of his wife, Esther Rood, and their four children. The census age grouping tally for Alvin Stocking is consistent with his household including his wife Sally Perkins Stocking and their two children, Sally Jerusha Stocking (1792-1859) and Alvin Stocking Jr (1798-1863). Evidence clearly establishes that Sally J. and Alvin Jr were both born before 1800. Although the book *The Stocking Ancestry revised* 1981 states that Alvin Stocking Sr. married Sally in 1802 and that Alvin Jr was born in 1803,¹⁸ those dates are most certainly not correct. Alvin Stocking Jr's headstone in Michigan shows 1798 as

¹⁰ 1790 U S Census; Census Place: Granville, Washington, New York; Series: M637; Roll: 6; Page: 191; Image: 241; Family History Library Film: 0568146.

¹¹ Stocking, H. E., & Stocking, C. H. W. (1981). *The Stocking Ancestry* (revised). Stillwater, Oklahoma: Stocking. Page 22.

¹² Ibid, page 22ff.

¹³ Roger D. Joslyn. "Connecting Alvin Joslyn of Buffalo, Erie County, to His 1860 Census Family." *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, Vol. 139, No. 3, page 203ff. July 2008.

¹⁴ 1850 U S Census; Census Place: Buffalo Ward 2, Erie, New York; Roll: M432_501; Page: 124B; Image: 256.

¹⁵ Joslin, J., Frisbie, B., & Ruggles, F. (1875). *A history of the town of Poultney, Vermont, from its settlement to the year 1875*. Poultney, Vermont: Journal printing office. Page 287ff.

¹⁶ 1800 U S Census; Census Place: Franklin, Delaware, New York ; Roll: 22; Page: 1308; Image: 376; Family History Library Film: 193710

¹⁷ Ibid.

¹⁸ Stocking, H. E., *ibid*, page 23, 42.

his birth year.¹⁹ In addition, multiple US census records indicate Alvin Stocking Jr's birth year was about 1798.^{20 21}

Pennsylvania

After Franklin, the families of Alvin Stocking, Josiah Stocking, and Elias Needham all removed to Pennsylvania. Josiah went to Towandy[Towanda] Township.²² Alvin²³ and Elias²⁴ went to Smithfield Township, which is about 13 miles northwest of Towanda. Many of the early settlers of Smithfield were from the Poultney Vermont area. The Congregational Church of East Smithfield PA was organized in Poultney Vermont on February 11, 1801.²⁵ Although Bradford County was created in 1810, from parts of Lycoming and Luzerne counties, the area of Smithfield remained in Lycoming County until 1812 when it was transferred to Bradford County.

About 1809, Alvin Joslyn's brother Lindsey (1786-1863) of Poultney Vermont married Mary "Polly" Waite (1788-1854) who was from Granville NY,²⁶ the same small town, where John, Josiah, probably Alvin Stocking and the Needhams had lived in 1790. In 1791 in Granville, both Benjamin Waite (Polly Waite's father) and Elias Needham, Alvin Stocking Sr's brother-in-law, had been elected to positions at the Granville Town Meeting.²⁷ At the first Granville Town Council meeting, which was convened in 1787 at Captain John Stocking's tavern, Benjamin Waite, Polly's father, had been elected to the position of "pathmaster."^{28 29} With Lindsey Joslyn married to Polly Waite, there is clear evidence that Alvin Joslyn had close, albeit indirect, social connections to Alvin Stocking's family in Granville NY.

The 1810 US Census shows Lindsey Joslyn living in Smithfield.³⁰ Interpreting the age grouping tallies with information learned from later sources, it appears that Lindsey's census household not only included his wife Mary "Polly" and their infant son David Waite Joslyn (1810-1898), but also most likely Lindsey's brother Alvin's family, which would have included Alvin Joslyn, his wife Sally Jerusha Joslyn, and their infant son Orville Joslyn (1810-1863). Subsequent records show that Orville was born in PA about 1810.³¹ Susan (1794-1844), a sister

¹⁹ Alvin Stocking Jr Photograph of Headstone at FindAGrave. Retrieved 2/15/2014 from

<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=39791320>

²⁰ 1850 U S Census; Census Place: Grattan, Kent, Michigan; Roll: M432_353; Page: 305B; Image: 595

²¹ 1860 U S Census; Census Place: Grattan, Kent, Michigan; Roll: M653_550; Page: 649; Image: 654; Family History Library Film: 803550

²² 1810 U S Census; Census Place: Towandy, Luzerne, Pennsylvania; Roll: 49; Page: 720; Image: 0193675; Family History Library Film: 00177

²³ 1810 U S Census; Census Place: Smithfield, Lycoming, Pennsylvania; Roll: 52; Page: 873; Image: 0193678; Family History Library Film: 00056.

²⁴ 1810 U S Census; Census Place: Smithfield, Lycoming, Pennsylvania; Roll: 52; Page: 871; Image: 0193678; Family History Library Film: 00055

²⁵ Bradsby, H. C. (1891). *History of Bradford County, Pennsylvania, with biographical selections*. Chicago,: S. B. Nelson & Co. Page 362.

²⁶ Joslin, J., Frisbie, B., & Ruggles, F. (1875). *A history of the town of Poultney, Vermont, from its settlement to the year 1875*. Poultney,: Journal printing office. Page 288.

²⁷ Foley, J. W. (1993). *Early settlers of New York State: their ancestors and descendants*. Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Pub. Co. Volume I, page 138.

²⁸ Webster's defines "pathmaster" as "one whose job it is to care for and maintain public paths and roads."

²⁹ Everts, *ibid*. Page 203.

³⁰ 1810 U S Census; Census Place: Smithfield, Lycoming, Pennsylvania; Roll: 52; Page: 870; Image: 0193678; Family History Library Film: 00055.

³¹ 1850 U S Census; Census Place: Buffalo Ward 2, Erie, New York; Roll: M432_501; Page: 124A; Image: 255.

of Alvin and Lindsey, may also have been living with them.³² I have not been able to find a record of Alvin's marriage to Sally Jerusha Stocking, but an indenture deed for real estate in Smithfield dated September 10, 1816 shows the grantors as "Alvin Josselin and Jerusha Josselin his wife of the Township Smithfield."³³ The date of Alvin and Jerusha Joslyn's marriage was probably about 1809, since 1810 was the birth year of their oldest child Orville.

In 1814, Josiah Stocking (Alvin Stocking Sr's brother) and Josiah's wife, Ester Rood, both died within four days of each other, were buried in Wysox, and left many orphaned children.

About 1814, Lindsey Joslyn's family settled in Cayuga, New York.³⁴ Lindsey Joslyn and family remained in Cayuga until sometime after 1830 and before 1840 when they removed to Illinois. Many of Lindsey's descendants were notably successful in business, medicine, and law.

I have not found a record of Alvin Joslyn in the 1820 US Census, but he definitely was in Smithfield December 1820 and January 1821 for the probate of the estate of Alvin Stocking Sr., his father-in-law.³⁵ The 1820 US Census shows Alvin Stocking Jr. in Smithfield Pennsylvania with a census tally count that suggests his mother, the widow Sally Perkins Stocking, his brother John and his sister Lorry were in the household.³⁶

Alvin Stocking Sr's death year was 1817, according to [Pioneer and Patriot Families of Bradford County Pennsylvania](#) by Clement F. Heverly. A single paragraph in that book provides a significant amount of information about Alvin Stocking and his family.

"Alvin Stocking located in Smithfield in or before 1803. He made the first improvements and built a house on the Fred Williams place. Here he died in the fall of 1817. For the want of proper facilities, a bier was constructed and the remains carried a distance of four miles and buried in Union cemetery at Smithfield Center. He left children, Alvin, Sally J., Lorry A. and John. In 1820 letters were granted to Alvin Stocking and Alvin Joslyn upon the estate. The family soon after moved away."³⁷

Warsaw area, Genesee County until 1841 then Wyoming County, New York

Sometime after 1810, but before 1817, Sally Perkins Stocking's parents, Moses Perkins and Mary Smith Perkins removed from Hampton NY to Warsaw NY. At the end of 1817, Sally's mother died in Warsaw and is buried there. According to a newspaper article published in 1902, her headstone had this,

"In memory of Mary Purkins, wife of Moses Purkins, died Dec. 27, 1817 in the 67th. Yr. of her age; she was an affectionate wife, a kind and loving mother, the mother of 14 and grandmother of 65 children. She was liberal to poor & neglected none that sought her relief. She died in the triumph of her faith, rejoicing in her god."³⁸

While in Pennsylvania, Sally Perkins Stocking had lost a number of relatives. In 1814, she lost her brother-in-law Josiah Stocking and his wife Ester Rood Stocking when they died within four days of each other in nearby Wysox. In 1817, she lost her husband Alvin Sr., when he died

³² Joslin, J. et al, *ibid*.

³³ Josselin, A., & Josselin, J. h. w. (1816). Indenture Deed Instrument No.140609 dated 10 Sept 1816 recorded 14 May 1817. Towanda, Bradford County, Pennsylvania: Recorder's Office, County of Bradford.

³⁴ Joslin, J. et al, *ibid*.

³⁵ Bradford County. (1820). No. 62 Estate of Alvin Stocking. Towanda, Bradford County, Pennsylvania: County of Bradford.

³⁶ 1820 U S Census; Census Place: Smithfield, Bradford County, Pennsylvania; Page: 107; NARA Roll: M33_98; Image: 122.

³⁷ Heverly, C. F., & Macafee, R. D. (1913). *Pioneer and patriot families of Bradford County, Pennsylvania, 1770-1800*. Towanda, Pa.; Bradford Star Print., p. 161.

³⁸ McClure, C. J. O. (December 24, 1902). Of Historical Interest, *Wyoming County Times*. Warsaw, New York. Page 1.

in Smithfield PA. The same year she lost her mother Mary Smith Perkins, when she died in Warsaw NY. Sometime after the probate of her husband's estate in 1820, Sally removed to the area of Gainesville/Warsaw NY, to be near her father, and some other siblings, and relatives. Her son, Alvin Stocking Jr, and her daughter, Sally Jerusha Stocking Joslyn (with her family) also removed to the Gainesville/Warsaw area.

The 1830 US Census listing for Alvin Stocking Jr's household locates his household in Gainesville, Genesee County, New York, which is about seven miles south of Warsaw. Alvin Stocking Jr.'s household tally shows a female in the age bracket of 50-59 years of age.³⁹ In 1827, Sally Stocking was among those listed as released from a Warsaw church to form a new church in Gainesville. The report of the church record read,

*On September 15, 1827, the following members were dismissed to form a Baptist church in Gainesville: William Wiseman, William Devoe, Noah Wiseman, Dennis Wiseman, Warren Thorp, William Pattison, Susan Parker, Lydia Thorp, Lucy Pattison, Sally Pattison, Polly Wiseman, Ann Stocker, Thankful Page, Sally Ann Wright, Susanna Barber, Sally Stocking, Mary Ann Wiseman, Sally Munger. This church was recognized on October 6, 1827, but has since become extinct.*⁴⁰

The 1830 US Census shows the Alvin Joslyn household in Warsaw, but other evidence indicates they had lived in Gainesville for at least four years prior to that. This detail was found in a 1903 obituary of Alvin's and Jerusha's daughter, Laura O. Joslyn. When Laura died in 1903, at least two detailed obituaries were published. Some significant points are found in *The Castilian* newspaper obituary for Laura O. Dunning,

*Mrs. Laura O. Dunning died at her home in Gainesville... Mrs. Dunning was the daughter of Alvin and Jerusha Joslin, and was born in the town of Gainesville, November 6, 1825. When 4 years old her parents removed to Warsaw and latter[sic] to Buffalo. She was married to Michael Dunning in 1852 and they have resided for over forty years in the house where she died.*⁴¹

At the age of 89, Moses Perkins died in Warsaw in 1836, nineteen years after his wife.⁴² Moses and Mary are both buried in the Warsaw Village Pioneer Cemetery. For at least ten years before Moses died, his daughter Sally Perkins Stocking lived nearby, accompanied by grandchildren, Sally Jerusha Stocking Joslyn and Alvin Stocking Jr.

In 1840, the households of Alvin Joslyn and Alvin Stocking were only six lines apart in the US Census for Warsaw.⁴³ Again, the census household tally for Alvin Stocking Jr.'s household indicates his mother, the widow Sally Perkins Stocking, was probably living with him. For three decades, the US Census of 1820 in Smithfield PA, 1830 in Gainesville NY and 1840 in Warsaw

³⁹ 1830 US Census; Census Place: Gainesville, Genesee, New York ; Page: 191; NARA Series: M19; Roll Number: 90; Family History Film: 0017150.

⁴⁰ *History of the Centennial Celebration*, Warsaw, Wyoming County New York, 1903. Page 57.

⁴¹ *The Village News*. (1903, September 25, 1903). *The Castilian*, Castile, New York. Retrieved from <http://www.fultonhistory.com/Newspaper4/Castile%20NY%20Castilian/Castile%20NY%20Castilian%201902-1907%20Grayscale/Castile%20NY%20Castilian%201902-1907%20Grayscale%20-%2000894.pdf> on Feb. 24, 2014.

⁴² Died. (1836, November 23, 1836). *American Citizen*. Warsaw, New York. Volume I, Number 23. Retrieved from <http://fultonhistory.com/Newspaper%2013/Warsaw%20NY%20American%20Citizen/Warsaw%20NY%20American%20Citizen%201836-1837/Warsaw%20NY%20American%20Citizen%201836-1837%20-%2000089.pdf> on February 24, 2014.

⁴³ 1840 U S Census; Census Place: Warsaw, Genesee, New York; Roll: 285; Page: 239; Image: 251; Family History Library Film: 0017188

NY, a woman whose age matches the widow Sally Stocking was in Alvin Stocking Jr's household. Sally Jerusha and Alvin Joslyn also lived nearby during this entire period.

The Stocking Ancestry Revised, states on page 23 that Sally Stocking died July 26, 1843 in Genesee County, New York.⁴⁴ The date of death is consistent with two Perkins family records with information about Moses Perkins daughter Sally Perkins. The family record of Sally Perkins' married name is very close to Stocking, but has Stockin and Sticking. One item listed Moses' daughter Sally as the "wife of Alvin Sticking" and the other listed her name as "Sally Stockin," but both records indicate that person died on July 26, 1843. The first is from a book of family information recorded by Rev. Moses Sylvester Smith Perkins, who was a son of Sally Perkins Stocking's brother Sylvester. It reads, "Aged 70 years Sally Stockin died July 26, 1843."⁴⁵ Another reference is from another Perkins family document, which had a section listing the 14 children of Moses and Mary Perkins. It reads,

*Sally Perkins. Wife of Alvin Sticking died July 26, 1843 in her 70th year.*⁴⁶

It seems quite certain that Sally Perkins Stocking was living with her son Alvin Stocking Jr until she died, but her last few years she was only a few households away from her daughter, Jerusha and her son-in-law, Alvin Joslyn. I have not been able to determine exactly where she died and where she was buried, but it is most likely that she died and was buried in Warsaw, Wyoming County, New York, which only two years earlier had been part of Genesee County. It could be that she did not die in the new Wyoming County, but was actually in Genesee County when she died.

After Sally Perkins Stocking died Her Children Moved away, but Jerusha and Alvin Joslyn returned to Gainesville, where Jerusha died in 1859

After Sally Stocking died in 1843, the next census, the 1850 US Census, shows that both the households of Alvin Stocking and Alvin Joslyn had moved away. Alvin Joslyn and his family had removed to Buffalo NY and Alvin Stocking and his family had removed to Grattan, Kent County, Michigan. As expected, the 1850 US Census record for Alvin Stocking's family no longer showed an older woman matching his mother's age.

Alvin Joslyn and Sally Jerusha Joslyn then returned to Gainesville, sometime during that decade before Jerusha died in Gainesville on September 16, 1859. An obituary for Sally J Joslyn, signed B N Wiles, was written by Browning Nichols Wiles, pastor of the Gainesville NY Universalist Church and was published on 26 November 1859 in *The Christian Ambassador*, a statewide Universalist Church newspaper in Auburn. It read in part,

Deaths.

In Gainesville, N.Y., Sept. 16th, 1859, Mrs Sallie J. Joslyn aged 67 years...

She died at the residence of her son-in-law, surrounded by her husband and children, whose

⁴⁴ Prior to 1841, Warsaw and Gainesville had been part of Genesee County. Wyoming County was created in 1841, mostly from what had been the southern part of Genesee County.

⁴⁵ Perkins family record from Roberta Heorman. The same information is in the Wyoming County Historian's Office Stocking family file.

⁴⁶ Perkins family record from Roberta Heorman.

united efforts to smooth her then rugged pathway, caused her frequently to exclaim during her sickness, "O how happy I am in being blest with such good children."⁴⁷

Michael Dunning's obituary provides some additional details about where Jerusha possibly died,

After a short residence in Buffalo, where, in 1852, he married Laura O. Joslyn, Michael removed to Gainesville, living for some years on Delhi, and later moving to this village, where he died.⁴⁸

Jerusha may have died in Granville NY at the home of her daughter Laura and son-in-law Michael Dunning, however, there were two other daughters, Susan born in 1820 and Helen born in 1833. In the 1850 US Census both Susan and Helen were listed at Daniel's hotel/tavern in Buffalo, but I have not found any record of Susan or Helen after that.

Sally Jerusha Stocking Joslyn's Birth Year is indicated as 1792

Using the 1850 US Census information and *The Christian Ambassador* obituary information, Sally Jerusha Stocking Joslyn's birth date is in the range of dates August 3, 1792 to September 16, 1792. The 1850 US Census, enumerated on August 2, 1850, shows Jerusha Joslyn as 57 years old on the date of enumeration. August 2, 1850 minus 57 years is August 2, 1793, which indicates her birth date is in the range August 3, 1792 to August 2, 1793. Sally J Joslyn's obituary indicates her age at death, September 16, 1859, was 67 years. September 16, 1859 minus 67 years is September 16, 1792, which indicates her birth date is in the range September 17, 1791 to September 16, 1792. Using both pieces of information together, her birth date range is narrowed. The dates common to both ranges is the range of dates from August 3, 1792 to September 16, 1792. Therefore, according to these two pieces of information, her birth year is indicated as 1792.

The Headstone at Gainesville Pioneer Cemetery

Sally Jerusha Stocking Joslyn is buried in The Old Gainesville Cemetery, which is also known as the Gainesville Pioneer Cemetery. It is a very small cemetery and is located in Central Gainesville. In July 2013, I went to that cemetery and searched for her headstone, but could not identify it. The headstones made from sedimentary rock were unreadable. Fortunately, 60 years ago, the headstones in the Gainesville Pioneer Cemetery were documented in the April 1953 issue of the Wyoming County Historian Office publication *Historical Wyoming*. At that time, the author noted,

*Today, most of the stones are flat with the turf, show disintegration, in instances only fragments remain, and considerable difficulty was experienced in deciphering inscriptions.*⁴⁹

⁴⁷ Deaths. *Christian Ambassador* (1859, November 26, 1859), Auburn, New York. Vol. IX. No. 48. Page 191. Saturday, November 26, 1859. A copy was provided by the Cayuga County Historian's Office, Auburn, New York, Dec. 24, 2013 from microfilm.

⁴⁸ Town of Gainesville – Michael Dunning. *Western New Yorker*, Warsaw New York. Volume 64 Number 9 February 26, 1904 Page 7. Retrieved February 26, 2014 from <http://fultonhistory.com/Newspaper%2013/Warsaw%20NY%20Western%20New%20Yorker/Warsaw%20NY%20Western%20New%20Yorker%201903-1904/Warsaw%20NY%20Western%20New%20Yorker%201903-1904%20-%200415.pdf>.

⁴⁹ Wyoming Co. N.Y. County Historian. (1953). "Gainesville Pioneer Cemetery." *Historical Wyoming*, VI (Number 3 April 1953), Page 90 ff.

July 2013, Stanley and Judy Rutherford, the Gainesville town historians, told me that most of the headstones in the Gainesville Pioneer Cemetery were made from the local sedimentary rock. In the Winter, with water seeping between the layers, each freeze cycle, the water would expand to ice, and this would damage the stones a bit more. As time passes, headstones made of sedimentary rock deteriorate faster and become impossible to read. Only a small number of the headstones were granite, because most people in Gainesville were not wealthy and could not afford the more costly granite.

Sally Joslyn's headstone transcription in the 1953 article read

*JOSLYN Sally T., wife Alvin Joslyn, d. Sept. 16, 1859, 67y.*⁵⁰

Sally Joslyn's name was reported in the article as **Sally T. Joslyn** not **Sally J. Joslyn**. It is easy to see, especially with the font style used here, how a **J** might easily be misread as a **T** if the headstone was disintegrated and the bottom hook of the **J** was broken off. In addition to the name, the headstone specifically stated the fact that "Joslyn Sally T" was Alvin Joslyn's wife. It is well established that the wife of Alvin Joslyn was Jerusha Joslyn. In a 2008 article published in the *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record*, Roger D. Joslyn concluded the reported T was a J and that Jerusha Joslyn was Sally Jerusha Stocking.

A transcription of her grave marker shows "Sally T. Joslyn" died 16 September 1859, aged 67 ("Gainesville Pioneer Cemetery," *Historical Wyoming*, 6[1953]:94), but the middle initial T almost certainly a misreading of J. Her full maiden name was evidently Sally (Sarah?) Jerusha Stocking.⁵¹

Sally J Stocking is one and the same person as Jerusha Joslyn and Sally J Joslyn

Throughout her life Sally J Stocking, was known as Jerusha. It is common for a child with the same first name as a parent, to be known by the middle name.

THREE FACTS: There are three records with the name "Sally J"

- (1) the book, *Pioneer and Patriot Families of Bradford County Pennsylvania* by Clement F. Heverly,
- (2) the obituary, written by B N Niles pastor of the Universalist Church in Gainesville NY and published in the *Christian Ambassador*, and
- (3) the headstone transcript in the *Historical Wyoming* "Gainesville Pioneer Cemetery" article, in which the first name of Alvin Joslyn's wife was reported as Sally T, but in which the author also reported that

⁵⁰ Ibid.

⁵¹ Roger D. Joslyn, *ibid*.

Without resolving the issue about to be raised here, there is more to Roger D. Joslyn's footnote, which cannot be completely ignored, is perplexing, and contradicts the location of Jerusha's death being in Gainesville on Sept 16th. Roger wrote immediately before the text quoted above, "Jurusia Joslyn entry, 1860 U.S. Census, Mortality Schedule, Buffalo City, Ward 13, Erie County, New York, Albany-Kings County volume, page 458 (New York State Library microfilm; FHL #1,415,130); she was 64, born in Cayuga County. In the county copy (note 8), the month of death is August." I only note this, the spelling is Jerusia, not Jerusha, and the age is 64 not 67 and defer this issue. This might not actually be the same person; read my experience with two Chaunceys..

Chauncey Joslyn (1838-1892), my great-grandfather and a grandson of Alvin Joslyn, died in Buffalo August 4, 1892. For decades I confused him with another Chauncey Joslyn (1843-1892) who died in Buffalo the next month, on September 23, 1892. They were both buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Section 41. My Chauncey, a son of Daniel Merritt Joslyn, is in grave 61 and the other, a son of Daniel's brother Orville, is just five graves away in grave 66. Neither has a headstone.

“considerable difficulty was experienced in deciphering inscriptions.”

Thus, it is also a fact that the author was warning us of the likelihood that there would be misreads.

- Regarding #1: In the same paragraph, Heverly reported that Alvin Joslyn and Alvin Stocking Jr were administrators of Alvin Stocking Sr's will.
- Regarding #2: Although B N Niles does not specifically mention the husband's name, he does write Mrs Sallie J Joslyn and the date of her death, September 16, 1859, which matches the date reported by the *Historical Wyoming* article.
- Regarding #3: On the misread headstone, it also stated that the person, transcribed as Sally T Joslyn, was the wife of Alvin Joslyn. Here are three additional salient facts
 - the author noted “considerable difficulty was experienced in deciphering the inscriptions”
 - a deteriorated weathered **J** can be expected to sometimes be misread as a T.
 - the headstone stated the person buried there was the wife of Alvin Joslyn and it is a fact that Alvin Joslyn's wife was known as Jerusha not Terusha.

Merely based on these facts, I believe it is reasonable to conclude that Sally J Stocking, the daughter of Sally Perkins Stocking and Alvin Stocking Sr, was one and the same person as Jerusha Joslyn, the wife of Alvin Joslyn. In addition however, when considered with the secondary details provided in this narrative, I think that even skeptics should have no grounds for doubt.

Death of Alvin Joslyn

After Jerusha died, Alvin Joslyn went back to Buffalo and lived with his oldest son, Daniel Merritt Joslyn at his residence, which was D M Joslyn's stockyard hotel for drovers. The death notice said this:

DIED

In this city, on the 26th. instant. ALVIN JOSLYN aged 77 years, 7 months and 16 days.

The funeral will take place at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon from the residence of his son, D. M. Joslyn, William Street. (the New Hotel) Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend.⁵²

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⁵² DIED. (October 27, 1866). *Evening Courier & Republic*. Buffalo, New York. Retrieved from <http://fultonhistory.com/newspaper%20/Bufalo%20NY%20Evening%20Courier%20and%20Republic/Bufalo%20NY%20Evening%20Courier%20and%20Republic%201866.pdf/Newspaper%20Buffalo%20NY%20Evening%20Courier%20and%20Republic%201866%20a%20-%200402.PDF>